



NORTHWEST TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) is a new USDA initiative that will invest up to \$100 million over five years to provide education, technical assistance, and support to help producers transition to organic. The goal of this initiative is to help grow the organic sector.

TOPP funding will support several components:



Farmer-to-Farmer Mentoring.

Farmers who are transitioning their operations to organic production will be paired with experienced certified organic farmers in their region. Mentors will be compensated to provide one-on-one support to the mentee farmer during transition.



Technical Assistance and Training.

Field days, workshops and other events will be held across the region to provide education on organic agronomy, certification, regulations, market and business support and other topics.



Community Building.

Virtual and in-person networking and resource hubs will be built to connect producers, agricultural professionals, and others.



Workforce Training and Development.

TOPP will help build organically-focused workforce training and education to expand the supply chain's knowledge of organic.



If you're interested in getting involved in any of these initiatives, please get in touch with us by emailing topp@tilth.org or filling out a brief contact form at oregontilth.link/NWTOPP

Details on the new Transition to Organic Partnership Program are still developing. For an overview of the project and for more information please visit ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/topp

